EXTENSION OF THE RAILWAY FROM ERNAKULAM TO THE HARBOUR—PROGRESS OF.

174. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Will the Government be pleased to state how far has the extension of the Railway from Ernakulam to the Harbour progressed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Two reports so far received from the Railway Authorities in regard to the progress of the Railway Extension Work, one for the quarter ended 31st December 1937 and the other for the quarter ended 31st March 1938 are appended (*Vide Appendix III.*)

The hon'ble member's attention is also drawn to para 7 of the Diwan's opening speech in the Council on 14th July 1938.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Certain works were done in the quarter under review. Were these works let on contract?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): Yes. Quite so. Generally all the works are let on contract in the Railways.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Are tenders called for?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): Yes.

MOTOR VEHICLES OWNED BY GOVERNMENT— EXPENDITURE REGARDING.

175. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of motor vehicles owned and maintained by the Government at present;

(*b*) by whom and for what purposes are they used;

(*c*) the expenses the Government have incurred on them in 1112 M. E. and 1113 M. E. under the following items (i) oil, (ii) repair charges, (iii) pay of drivers, mechanics and cleaners and (iv) miscellaneous?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*):

(*a*) 26 cars and 2 lorries.

(*b*) The cars are stationed in the following places:

(*i*) Garage in the Hill Palace.

(*ii*) Diwan's House.

(*iii*) Palace of the H. H. the Elaya Raja.

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APPENDIX III.

(*Question No. 174.*)

Shoranur-Cochin Railway Extension to link with the Cochin Harbour Railway.

Narrative Progress Report for the quarter ending 31st December 1937.

Land acquisition is complete including final location.

Pending receipt of regular sanction to advance copies of Estimates sent to me for information and settlement of tenders, urgent preliminary works were attended to on provisional sanction to permit of works being started in right earnest in due time.

The Station yard at Idapalli was inspected with a view to fix a site for watering arrangements and also construct a Ballast Train siding.

Towards the storage of materials transferred from CRC. Depot, Shoranur preliminary arrangements for utilizing the released materials of Remodelling store-shed at Shoranur were made.

Arrangements were also made by inspection at site to level up the ground at the junction of Chittur Road diversion and for the location of store-shed.

The alignment from Zero point to 4·31 miles was generally inspected to provide suitable culverts under Service track.

(Sd.)
Chief Engineer.

2. *Narrative Progress Report for the quarter ended 31st March 1938.*

Earthwork: Pending selection of the Major Contractor for the Scheme, the following works were done in the quarter under review:

(1) The points and crossing at the bifurcation point (Mile S. 63/17) was laid and the service track linked to a length of 400 yards.

(2) 50 per cent of the earthwork for stage I of the Earthwork sidings at Mile S. 58/17 was completed.

(3) Earthwork for the Chittur Road diversion was completed and the other materials required for the road trained out.

Bridge work: The work of trial borings at all bridges and culverts was completed. 1—3' slab culvert to take the Water main of the Ernakulam Town water supply under the proposed track over the Junction point was done up to slab level.

Ballast and Permanent Way: All fastenings for the rails required for the Main line Permanent Way, 1000 Hard wood sleepers and all dog spikes were received. 66 tons of II class rails were also received from the C. R. C. Scheme.

Plant Construction: 2 Ballast trains each consisting of 20 trucks one Van and one Engine were received.

General Charges: The temporary stores-shed at the bifurcation point was completed except roofing.

(Sd.)
Chief Engineer.

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